

Western Expansion Study Guide

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Moving West

1. What law, passed by the British in 1763, was meant to keep American colonists from moving west?
***Proclamation of 1763**
2. What early American explorer opened up land between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River for settlement?
***Daniel Boone**
3. What road was cut through the Appalachian Mountains connecting eastern Tennessee and western Kentucky?
***Wilderness Road**
4. What opening in the Appalachian Mountains was that road cut through?
***Cumberland Gap**
5. Who opened up land beyond the Mississippi River for trade and settlement?
***Lewis, Clark and the Corp of Discovery**
6. How long did the Lewis and Clark expedition last?
***2 ½ Years**

Why Settlers Moved West

7. Factors that forced people away from their homes in search of a better life are known as what?
***Push Factors**
8. Factors that attracted settlers to put down roots in certain locations are known as what?
***Pull Factors**

9. List four push factors below:

1. Growing Eastern Population
2. Harsh Working Conditions
3. Escape From Persecution
4. Manifest Destiny

10. List four pull factors below:

1. Opportunity for a better life (usually in the form of land)
2. Opportunity for financial gain
3. Spreading Religion
4. Religious Freedom
5. Adventure

11. What push and pull factor combination would have most motivated you to pack up and move west? Why?

Traveling West

12. What was the most popular mode of transportation west?

*Conestoga Wagon

13. Most wagons traveled in groups. What were these wagon groups called?

*Wagon Trains

14. Most pioneers began their trip west in the spring. Why?

*Spring to arrive before early snowfall

15. What city was the most popular beginning point for many pioneers heading west?

*Independence, Missouri

16. How long did it take to travel west by wagon?

*5 Months

17. What were four dangers faced by settlers heading west?

1. Disease
2. Heat
3. Flash Floods
4. Early Snow

18. What famous and unfortunate groups of pioneers did not manage to cross the Sierra Nevada Mountains before winter set in?

***Donner Party**

19. What invention, finished in 1869, reduced the time it took to travel west to just 1 week?

***Transcontinental Railroad**

20. Which of the two companies involved in building the transcontinental railroad began building in Sacramento, CA and headed east?

***Central Pacific**

21. Which of the two companies involved in building the transcontinental railroad began building in Omaha, NB and headed west?

***Union Pacific**

22. The two companies that were involved in building the transcontinental railroad finally met in what location?

***Promontory Summit, Utah**

23. How long did the transcontinental railroad take to build?

***7 Years**

Oregon Country

24. What three groups moved to Oregon in the early to mid 1800s?

***Mountain Men, Missionaries, Pioneers**

25. In what order did those three groups go to Oregon?

***1) Mountain Men, 2) Missionaries, 3) Pioneers**

26. Why did mountain men move to Oregon?

***Trap Beaver**

27. How did mountain men contribute to the settlement of Oregon?

***Mapped and lead Wagon Trails**

28. Why did missionaries move to Oregon?

***Convert Native Americans to Christianity**

29. How did missionaries contribute to the settlement of Oregon?

***Popularized Oregon back east**

30. Why did pioneers move to Oregon?

**For a chance at a better life (Free land)*

31. What other countries competed with the United States for control of Oregon?

**British*

32. What U.S. president ran for office on the promise of adding all of Oregon to the United States?

**James K. Polk*

33. What was that President's campaign slogan?

**"54'40" or Fight!"*

34. Britain and the United States agreed to divide Oregon at what parallel?

**49' North*

35. What three states were carved out of the Oregon territory?

**1) Oregon, 2) Washington, 3) Idaho*

Texas

36. After Mexico declared independence from Spain, who became dictator of Mexico?

**Santa Anna*

37. Why did Mexico allow Steven Austin to move 300 families into Texas?

- 1. Control Native Americans*
- 2. Cultivate Land*

38. When Texas declared independence from Mexico, who was placed in charge of the Texan army?

**Sam Houston*

39. What was the name of the old Spanish mission where 180 Texans and tejano were surrounded by 6,000 Mexican soldiers?

**The Alamo*

40. How long were the Texans and tejano able to hold off the Mexican army?

**12 Days*

41. What two famous Americans met their end at the Alamo?

**Davie Crockett & Jim Bowie*

42. What battle ended the Texas war for independence?

***Battle of San Jacinto**

43. Texas is the only state that was once its own country. What was its nickname? Why?

***The Lone Star Republic due to the single star on its flag**

44. How long was Texas an independent republic?

***9 Years**

45. Why was the United States slow in annexing Texas?

***Disagreements over the issue of slavery**

California & the American Southwest

46. California and the American Southwest were added to the United States by what war?

***Mexican War**

47. President James K. Polk baited Mexico into war by sending soldiers into disputed territory located between what two rivers?

***Rio Grande and Nueces Rivers**

48. Who was in charge of the soldiers that Polk sent into the disputed territory?

***Gen. Zachary Taylor**

49. California declared its independence from Mexico during the war. What did Californians call themselves?

***Bear Flag Republic**

50. What treaty ended the United States war with Mexico?

***Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo**

51. In 1853 the United States bought a small piece of land from Mexico to build a railroad. What was that small piece of land called?

***Gadsden Purchase**

Americans Rushing West

52. What pull factor attracted 80,000 people to California in 1849?

***Gold**

53. Did the majority of “forty-niners” strike it rich?

***No**

54. Where was gold first discovered in California?

***Sutter’s Mill**

55. Who first discovered gold in California?

James Marshall

56. What ethnic group was drawn to California by tales of mountains of gold?

***Chinese**

57. Many Mormons headed west in the hopes of escaping what?

***Religious Persecution**

58. What pull factor attracted many Mormons to Utah in 1847?

***Religious Freedom**

59. Who founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints? What year did he found it?

***Joseph Smith, 1830**

60. Who eventually led the Mormons to Utah?

***Brigham Young**

61. What symbol on the Utah state flag is a reference to the state's Mormon heritage?

***Bee Hive**

62. Much of the southwest was used as grazing land for what animal?

***Cattle**

63. Describe how cattle made its way from areas like Texas to northern railroads?

Cattle were raised on large ranches in Texas and the southwest. The cattle was then herded north by Cowboys to railroads. The cattle was then taken by railroad to eastern cities to feed growing populations.

64. What Act passed in 1862 provided free land to farmers willing to head west?

***Homestead Act of 1862**

65. How did farmers settling on the Great Plains spell trouble for cattle ranchers and cowboys?

***Farmers put up fences that blocked cattle paths leading from the southwest to northern railroads**

Hardship for Native Americans

66. The forced removal of 15,000 Cherokee Indians from their lands in the southeast to Oklahoma is known as what?

***Trail of Tears**

67. What percentage of the Cherokee died during the 116 day march?

***25%**

68. What Act allowed the government to forcefully remove Native Americans from their lands?

***Indian Removal Act of 1830**

69. During what Indian War battle were Col. George Custer and his 200 soldiers whipped out by 2,000 Sioux Indians under the command of legendary Chief Crazy Horse?

***The Battle of Little Bighorn**

70. The shooting of Sitting Bull led to the last major violent event of the Indian Wars. What was the name of that event?

***The Battle/Massacre at Wounded Knee**

Short Answers: You will have to complete both short answers on your test. Each short answer will need to have an introduction, body and conclusion.

71. What is manifest destiny and how did it contribute to the settlement of the American west?

- ✓ **Introduction that includes the definition of manifest destiny(1 pt)**
- ✓ **2 examples of positive effects of manifest destiny**
 - **Example #1** (2 pts)
 - **Example #2** (2 pts)
- ✓ **2 examples of negative effects of manifest destiny**
 - **Example #1** (2 pts)
 - **Example #2** (2 pts)
- ✓ **Conclusion 1pt** (1pt)

Total: 10 points

72. What are push factors and pull factors? Provide two examples of push factors and two examples of pull factors. Explain how each example influenced settlers who were moving west.

- ✓ **Introduction** (1pt)
 - ✓ **Define Push Factors** (2 pts)
 - **Example #1** (1 pt)
 - **Example #2** (1 pt)
 - ✓ **Define Pull Factors** (2 pts)
 - **Example #1** (1 pt)
 - **Example #2** (1 pt)
 - ✓ **Conclusion** (1 pt)
- Total: 10 points**